1989	111
1990	90
1991	94

(b) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare do not have any scheme to finance expenditure of persons going aborad to attend conferences. In some cases, the organisers of the Conference meet the expenditure; in some cases, concerned institution meet partial expenditure and the rest is borne by the participants or through grants received by them from University Grants Commission, Indian National Science Academy etc. etc.

(c) No regular evaluation has been made. However, the participation of the doctors improves their knowledge and skills as well as they learn the latest tools & techniques in their respective medical and surgical fields in the advanced countries. This ultimately leads to better patient care.

Financial assistance to Medical Conferences

302. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of conferences of national and state level Medical personnel, for which financial assistance was given by Government during the last year;

(b) what is the total amount of such assistance; and

(c) whether Government have evaluated the utility of such conferences and giants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Population in India

303. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that population of India is likely to cross that of China by the year 2035;

(b) what are the steps Government propose to take to reduce the population growth in the country; and

(c) whether any planning has been made to control the population growth in the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) As per World population Projections "1950-2150" brought out by the United Nations, the estimated and projected population of India and China based on the medium fertility extension, during 2025-2050 A.D. will be as follows:—

(Figures in million)

No precise estimates are readily available for 2035 A.D.

	2025 AD	*2050 AD*
China	1511	1521
India	1442	1699

(b) and (c) An Action Plan duly approved by the Health Ministers of States is being operationalised. The Action Plan highlights the need for evolving a national consensus in support of the Family Welfare Programme to obtain the willing participation of all Sections of the Society. Its key features include, (1) improving the quality and outreach of family welfare services, (2) differential strategy for special focus on 90 poor performing districts (Birth Rate of 39 per thousand population and above as per the 1981 Census), (3) developing a mechanism to make